



**Dear Visa Applicant:**

Below you will find a detailed list of the documentation you will need to submit on the day of your interview, when and where to find it, and how to organize it.

**Important Note:** Please arrive on time for your interview (Consular Section located at Avenida Colombia 4300) and be aware that the time of your appointment is when the process begins. In addition, 70-80 appointments have been scheduled at the same time, so the wait time at the Embassy could take up to 3 hours.

**DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY EACH APPLICANT (including minors):**

All visa applicants between 14 and 79 years old will need to appear in person for their interview at the Consular Section. Minors up to 14 years of age are not required to appear in person. Parents may submit the children's documents for them. In the case of family groups, please do not forget to submit the family book, birth certificate, or any other documentation that can certify bonds.

- 1) **A VALID PASSPORT** with one empty page to stamp the visa.
- 2) **PREVIOUS PASSPORTS**
- 3) **PROOF OF PAYMENT**: Every visa applicant must submit an original bank receipt showing payment of the peso equivalent of the **\$140 USD** visa application fee. You may pay this fee at any branch of Banco Ciudad de Buenos Aires or at any ATM that is part of the LINK network. The bank will let you know the current peso amount to be paid. Please remember that you must present the receipt that is labeled "**Para la Embajada**". If you plan to do the payment through LINK ATMs, these are the steps you need to follow:
  - Insert the card and enter your PIN
  - Choose the option "PRESTAMOS Y OTROS SERVICIOS" on the screen
  - Choose the option "PAGO VISADO PARA EEUU"
  - Confirm the transaction.
  - The ATM will provide a ticket that the applicant will have to present at the interview.

**Note:** Only the original receipt provided by the cashier at Banco Ciudad or the Link ATM will be accepted. This fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

**IMPORTANT:** The petition-based visas fee is **150 USD** (H, L, O, P, Q, and R). Applicants will need to pay the **10 USD** difference for these visa classes in the Consular Section, on the day of the visa interview. **E3** visas fee is **390USD**. The difference for this visa class is also paid in the Consular Section. **L1 Blanket Petition** applicants will need to pay an additional fee on the day of the interview. For further information visit our webpage or click [here](#).

- 4) **DS-160 (CEAC) Application form:** **needs to be completed online, at least 48 hours prior to the interview date**, but you may complete it further in advance if you wish. We highly suggest you visit the following link for detailed information on the application process before completing the DS-160 form:  
<http://argentina.usembassy.gov/faqs.html>

**After reviewing this information, please follow the below instructions:**

Access the DS-160 page at: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

- a) **UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO ELECTRONICALLY:** The DS-160 form provides you with the option of uploading your photo. Please read the [photo requirement](#) instructions carefully. If your photo does not meet the requirements, the system will reject it. Take into account that you need to at least try to upload a photo since otherwise the system will not allow you to continue completing the form. The program will allow you three opportunities to upload your photo. If the system rejects it after the third attempt, you will need to physically

bring a photo on the day of your interview. Take into account that not uploading a photo prior to your interview will delay your application process.

- b) Complete the requested information on the appropriate space on each screen. Please, answer every single question. Your answers must be written exclusively in English.
- c) Review the information you provided. Any mistake can delay or limit your chances of obtaining a visa.
- d) Print out the confirmation page.
- e) Come to your interview with the confirmation page and keep it on hand during the application process.
- f) **BIOMETRIC SIGNATURE:** 22 C.F.R.6 41.103 requires that the applicant sign and submit his/her own Non Immigrant Visa Application unless he/she is exempted. Even though the applicant may receive help from a third party to fill out the form, it is required that he/she review his/her application and press the “Sign Application” button at the end of the form. Pressing this button will constitute your biometric signature together with your fingerprints which will be taken on the day of your interview. Click [here](#) to see how your fingerprints will be taken.

5) OTHER FORMS:

- If you are traveling for **business**, or to take part in a **conference**, **training** course or any purpose other than tourism, you will need to submit information to prove it. If the company you work for will cover the expenses of the trip, submit a letterhead indicating it.
- If you are applying for a **crew member visa**, you will need an official letterhead from the company requesting the crew member visa, indicating your occupation, seniority and duration of the contract.
- If you are applying for a **journalist visa**, you will need to submit a letterhead from the company requesting the journalist visa, indicating your occupation, seniority, purpose and duration of the trip.
- If you are applying for a **temporary worker visa** that requires a petition approved by DHS (Department of Homeland Security), of any of the following classifications: **H1B, H2B, L1, P1, O1 or R1**, you will need to submit the following documents: the original or a copy of the I-797, the I-129 form if you have it, and the contract. Accompanying family members (spouse, child) of H1B, H2B, L1, P1, R1 or O1 visa holders will need to submit a copy of the I-797 (or copies of the I-129 in the case of L1 Blanket Petition visa dependants) if you have it or copy of the principal alien’s visa and the family book that shows the ties with the principal alien.
- If you are applying for a **student** or **exchange** visa, you will need to submit the I-20 or DS-2019 form, respectively, and proof of SEVIS payment.
- If you are applying for a **domestic employee visa**, please visit the following link: [http://spanish.argentina.usembassy.gov/domestic\\_employees.html](http://spanish.argentina.usembassy.gov/domestic_employees.html) .The interview will be conducted between the consular officer and the domestic employee. The employer may accompany the employee but will not be able to participate in the interview.

6) DOCUMENTS, BINDING TIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The consular officer’s decision will be based on the interview and therefore an officer is not obliged to review documents. Nevertheless, the Consular Officer might request evidence that helps him make a final decision such as income, salary receipts, tax payments, AFIP papers, bank accounts, credit card statements, education, or the status of family members living in the US.

7) Security inspection: **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED:** cigarettes, electronic devices (cellular phones, calculators, batteries, pen drives, chargers, palm pilots, I-pods, MP3 players), liquids (deodorants, perfumes, lighters, water), metals (coins, clips, belt buckles, etc.).

- a. **If you do NOT BRING:** bags, backpacks, book bags, cigarettes, electronic devices (cellular phones, calculators, batteries, pen drives, chargers, palm pilots, I-pods, MP3 players), liquids (deodorants, perfumes, lighters, water) and you only come with the documents necessary for your interview in hand+home or car keys, **we will give your priority access.**

- b. If you have no other choice but to bring any of the elements mentioned above, please **put them apart into a transparent plastic bag so that its content can easily be seen**, and have the bag in hand to present it to the security guard for the inspection. You will not be able to get into the Embassy with these items; you will have to leave them at the entry area. The Embassy does not take responsibility in case anything happens to them. Any metallic (coins, clips, belt buckles, etc.) will set off the metal detector and this may delay your access significantly. Presenting any prohibited items in a plastic bag will assist your entry and help to avoid long delays at the required security inspection.
- 8) **DHL Delivery:** The consular officer will inform you if the visa has been approved at the interview's conclusion. If approved, the consular officer will keep your current passport and give you a ticket with which you will pay 50 (pesos) for the delivery of your passport through DHL if you live in Capital Federal or Greater Buenos Aires, and \$55 (pesos) if you live in a province. This cost applies for up to five passports belonging to a family group. Because of new processing requirements, the U.S. Embassy cannot guarantee expedited or same-day processing of visa applications. From the date of the interview, the average time for a visa to be cleared, printed, and delivered through DHL is approximately 3-4 days. Delivery times may be somewhat longer for applicants who reside in remote areas.